

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is to be understood that the method for regenerating a particulate filter according to the invention is not limited to the embodiment described above and that various changes and modifications may be effected without leaving the spirit and scope of the invention. For example, ~~instead of the retarder, an alternator may be adopted as the load adding means to intentionally increase the engine load through regenerative braking. The~~ the post fuel injection followed by the main fuel injection and at non-ignition timing after the compressive top dead center is passed past in the above embodiment, as means for adding fuel to the exhaust gas upstream of the particulate filter, may be replaced by retarding in timing the main fuel injection into the respective cylinders of the engine to thereby adding fuel into the exhaust gas; alternatively, in place of such means for fuel addition in the form of unburned fuel being left in the exhaust gas through control of fuel injection into the cylinders, an injector may be arranged to be pierced into the exhaust pipe (possibly or the exhaust manifold) so as to directly inject fuel into the exhaust gas.